

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 33 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 14-21, and 27-33, and objected to claims 9-13 and 22-26.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 9-13 and 22-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14 and 27 to recite the language of claims 9 and 22 as well as claim 8 and 21 (on which claims 9 and 22, respectively, were dependent). Applicant has cancelled claims 8, 9, 21 and 22.

Therefore, Applicant believes that independent claims 1, 14 and 27, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. Additionally, the dependent claims are believed to be allowable for the reason that they include all of the limitations of the amended independent claims, as well as additional patentable limitations.

For at least these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-7, 10-20 and 23-33 are requested respectfully.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 1-7, 10-20 and 23-33 are patentable and the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Respectfully submitted

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